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1. About four or five biplanes, a maximum of ten single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with propellers, and 43 jet aircraft were seen at the Laerz (N 54/U 33) airfield on the afternoon of 12 November 1950. (1) There was no flying at the field between 1 and 12 November. A railroad employee said that flying was stopped for lack of fuel. (2)
2. The radio stations, previously seen south and southwest of Neu-Gaarz (N 54/U 33), were no longer there on 5 November. (3) On the same day a radio station was seen for the first time on the landing field. The installation consisted of four masts with a wooden cabin in the center. Wires led from the masts to the cabin. A single antenna rod about 3 meters high was in the middle of the cabin roof. About 100 meters southwest of these four masts there was also a one-mast installation, similar to the one in Neu-Gaarz. It had a wire about 50 meters long which was fastened at the masthead and led to the ground. A lead-in branched off from the wire to the brick or concrete building about 1.5 meters high, not far from the mast. The installation from Neu-Gaarz was possibly moved to the landing field. (4)
3. [REDACTED] were identified on bills of lading at the Ellerholz (N 54/U 33) railroad station. The bills of lading belonged to railroad tank cars which were destined for Rechlin (N 54/U 33). (5)

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5. The railroad station building in Rechlin and the former officers club, north of the railroad station, were being torn down and the stones carted away.

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Comments.

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- (1) The aircraft belonged to two fighter regiments which have been continually confirmed at Laerz prior to 30 November 1950. The jet aircraft are Mig-15s.
- (2) [REDACTED] confirmed that there was no flying activity at the field during the same period. It is improbable that flying was stopped because of lack of fuel. The actual reason is probably that the aircraft were being overhauled after the maneuvers in late October. The weather was also unfavorable on some days.
- (3) The radio stations near Neu-Gaerz were previously reported. See [REDACTED]
- (4) The information that two radio installations were erected on the landing field, one of which was apparently a DF station, is received for the first time. For location sketch of radio stations, see Annex.
- (5) The [REDACTED] possibly belong to ground units of the two fighter regiments in Laerz. [REDACTED] was last observed in Laerz in July 1950 and [REDACTED] in September 1949.
- (6) The motor vehicle [REDACTED] fighter regiments stationed in Laerz and to the fighter division headquarters in Laerz.

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1 Annex: Location Sketch of Radio Stations on the Landing Field of the Laerz Airfield.

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